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## CARTER TAKES A ROLE IN INQUIRY ON KOREAN

He Authorizes Diplomatic Efforts  
Aimed at Getting Tongsun Park  
to Return to U.S. to Testify

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WASHINGTON, July 28 — President Carter is personally involved in diplomatic efforts to persuade the South Korean Government to get Park Tong Sun to return to the United States to testify in the investigation of alleged Korean influence buying, Attorney General Griffin B. Bell said today.

Mr. Bell told a news conference, "The President is interested in clearing it up. He's done the things that I've asked him to do."

The only comment from the White House was a terse confirmation of Mr. Bell's comments from Rex Granum, the deputy press secretary, who said:

"At the request of the Attorney General, the President authorized specific steps and actions towards seeking the testimony of Tongsun Park [as Mr. Park is known in this country]. I'm sure you can appreciate how delicate a matter this is, and it just would not be productive for us to comment further on it at this time."

### No Specifics Given

Neither Mr. Bell nor spokesmen for the White House or the State Department would say precisely what Mr. Carter had done, but Mr. Bell said the President's efforts had nothing to do with Britain, where Mr. Park is now living. Mr. Bell said it would "be a fair assumption" that the diplomatic efforts related to the Government of South Korea.

Other sources suggested that efforts had been made by a member of Defense Secretary Harold Brown's party on his recent trip to South Korea. A spokesman for Mr. Brown said he had not discussed the subject personally with Korean officials.

Justice Department skepticism about suggestions that Mr. Park is in disfavor

in South Korea was emphasized yesterday by Benjamin R. Civiletti, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the civil division, who said that when Mr. Park left this country last December "he was expelled, allegedly, from Korea."

### Return Might Be Secured

His statement, with an emphasis on "allegedly," suggested the belief that the Korean Government could obtain the return of Mr. Park, a businessman who was best known here for giving fancy parties and who has been accused of providing money and expensive gifts for members of the House.

In another development, some details of a "routine" inquiry of its own announced by the Pentagon yesterday were learned.

A law enforcement source familiar with the Department of Defense said the focus was on whether present and former Pentagon officials had improperly enjoyed gifts, parties or other largesse from Korean officials and Park Tong Sun.

The Senate Select Committee on Ethics met this afternoon with Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director of Central Intelligence, and planned a meeting next week with Mr. Bell.

These closed-door sessions are being held to see whether there are grounds for a larger inquiry into whether any members of the Senate were improperly involved with Mr. Park or other Koreans.